

J.M.J.

Rensselaer, Indiana

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My Dear Miss Drexel,

The Provincial of the Fathers of the Precious Blood was here with us till yesterday, but after he left he sent me the enclosed letter which I hasten to transmit to you. The Provincial misunderstood me about a Religious Order. But the letter shows what he thinks. I have talked just now with Father Anthony, one of his Fathers who is here. He thinks that even if Father Provincial misunderstood me yet by explanation we can get a Father and student well qualified to teach if we wish them.

I write this to you and send you the letter of Father Provincial that you may know the case. Probably arrangements have been made to get a Benedictine Father from Pennsylvania. If there should be any difficulty in regard to that, we might try to get one of these.

I suppose the reason Father Provincial writes confidentially to me (which confidence I do not intend to betray by sending his letter to you) is that he would not like to have it known that he asks any place, also, that he says that two Religious Orders might not agree together. There is nothing else in his letter which is a sufficient reason to make it confidential.

I feel exceedingly thankful to you and your good Sisters, not alone for your visit but also for all that you have done for us. The Sisters also join us in this as well as wishes and prayers for your welfare. Sister Cecilia requests me to say that she has just read your letter and will comply with your request as soon as all the things now at the depot are brought out here. She thanks you for your kind letter.

With best wishes and prayers, I remain

Yours truly in Xto,

George L. Willard